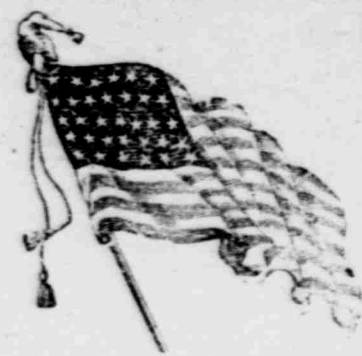


THE OCALA BANNER.



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Queen Victoria is gradually failing in health.

Florida seems to be on an eve of development and prosperity.

Hon. Horatio Bisbee was recently paid a ten thousand dollar fee.

Dreyfus is demanding a new trial and his demand sets Paris aflame.

The Jacksonville Journal has been publishing for the past month a seven-column sheriff's sale.

Emancipation Day was celebrated in Ocala by the colored population on a larger scale than usual.

If the open winter continues the "orange fever" will be raging by the time of the planting season.

Mr. Ulysses S. Grant, grandson of the late ex-president of the United States, stands second in his class at West Point.

Start out the new year of the new century with the determination to pay all just debts, and if you can't pay the big make a special effort to pay the little ones.

All Florida mourns the death of Hon. L. B. Wombwell, Florida's commissioner of agriculture. He was a splendid type of man and a most competent official.

The Boer-British war in South Africa, declared over, seems really to have just begun, and the London Daily Mail is calling for the immediate dispatch of 50,000 more men to the scene of hostilities.

Mr. Bryan has been talking with his usual lucidity and force on the reorganization of the party proposed by Eastern democrats. It is needless to say that he is opposed to the proposition and that the great West is with him.—Jacksonville Journal.

Statistician John Hyde, of the department of agriculture, estimates the United States wheat crop of 1900 at 522,229,505 bushels; corn, more than 2,000,000,000; oats, nearly 1,000,000,000; barley, 59,000,000; rye, 24,000,000; buckwheat, 10,000,000; potatoes, 210,000,000; hay, 50,000,000 tons.

While the democratic party should abandon no cardinal principle—no fundamental dogma—it must not tie itself to a "dead past." It is an aggressive and progressive party, and must deal with living issues. Turning itself well to the front "Excelsior" must be its triumphant motto. Its step must be steadily onward and upward.

When Bryan took the advice of Eastern democrats and put "free silver" in the background and "imperialism" well to the front, the New York World said he had broadened and grown wonderfully since 1896. But when it was ascertained that he was beaten worse than he was in 1896 it didn't think so much of his growth.

A system regulator is a medicine that strengthens and stimulates the liver, kidneys, stomach and bowels. Prickly Ash Bitters is a superior system regulator. It drives out all unhealthy conditions, promotes activity of body and brain, restores good appetite, sound sleep and cheerful spirits. Anti-Monopoly Drug Store, special agents.

An Arkansas judge severely reprimanded an editor who had presumed to criticize him. The judge took the position that it was unlawful for a newspaper to criticize a public officer holding the position he did. It has always heretofore been supposed that no man ever got so high up the official ladder in this land of the free to be above criticism. When the time comes that the acts and conduct of office holders may not be criticised that will be "imperialism" with a vengeance and the people's liberties will be in danger sure enough.—Johnson County Review.

Senator Foraker, of Ohio, has made a reply to the recent speech of ex-President Harrison, and denies the ex-president's charge that the Porto Rican tariff law was a "departure from correct principles." He says the United States gave Porto Rico a far more liberal civil government than was ever given to any territory prior to the civil war. The Ohioian said that we found Porto Rico as poor as poverty could make her. She had no money, no credit, no system of taxation of any kind. We did for her more than we did for Louisiana, Florida or California, and the Porto Ricans are in a better condition today than ever before in their history, and are grateful to the United States for what we have done for them.

ONE WORD.

Were the Ocala Banner limited to one word in its New Year's advice to its readers, that one would be the word, "Enthusiasm!"

It is life. It is the soul on fire. It means success to the individual. The want of it is written all over with failure.

The spread of religion; the establishment of governments; the triumph of armies; the achievement of inventors, are explained by the one word, "Enthusiasm!"

It is a power greater than steam or electricity. It means no relaxation of the faculties. It never sleeps. It never grows tired. It never hesitates.

Read what enthusiasm did for Ignatius Loyola:

Here was a cripple. A man almost repulsive in his features. An unattractive speaker. But he was an enthusiast, and tramped barefoot over Europe preaching the beauties of the doctrines of the church, and accomplished as much for the spread of Catholicism as Martin Luther did for the Reformation.

His physical endurance seemed almost superhuman and his success miraculous.

The apostles and pioneer preachers were all enthusiasts.

The successful inventor is an enthusiast.

So is the successful teacher.

Bryan could never have made his wonderful campaign had he not been an enthusiast.

The successful farmer must also be an enthusiast.

Our advice to our readers is to make a specialty of some line of work. He will soon become interested in it and will want to excel.

In a little while he will become an "enthusiast," and his success will date from that hour!

Joe Jefferson and Billy Bowlegs.

Mr. Joe Jefferson is going to be given a unique entertainment in the shape of a dance by Billy Bowlegs and his tribe of Seminole Indians. His real name is Holatter Micco, and he is the great nephew of Micanopy who stood first among the Florida chiefs in the Seminole war, and is a lineal descendant of Vitachuco, who fought DeSoto, and of the family that governed a wide territory in Florida long before Columbus sailed from Palos.

The scene of the dance will be Hanne-no, in the eastern edge of the Everglades. Around the camp a number of palms rear their straight trunks like sentinel warriors crowned with headdresses that quiver in the slight breeze and shine in the moonlight that glitters on the wide waters of winding waterways and tips the lily pads and giant grasses with silver. It is an ideal spot for such a scene. Afar the hoot of the bittern sounds like a war drum, and the scream of the heron tells that the alligator has missed his prey. The surrounding views have suffered no change, indeed, since the cannibal Caribbees made incursion on the villages of Harihigua four centuries or more ago.

Duty of the Florida Legislature.

Clemson, South Carolina's Agricultural College, had four hundred and sixty-one students the past session and three hundred other applicants were denied admission. That is a very different showing from Florida's Agricultural College. The legislature of South Carolina is very liberal in its appropriations to Clemson, and, as a result, it has built up a fine reputation as a technical and industrial training institute. Because of the meagreness of the legislative appropriation to the Florida Agricultural College, Florida boys and girls who are seeking industrial and technical training are compelled to go to colleges outside the state. Ocala, for instance, has a half dozen boys attending schools in other states. We hope the next legislature of Florida will have an eye mindful to the building up of a great Florida educational institution. It is a duty Florida owes to her boys and girls.

The Big Inaugural.

The following military companies will attend Governor Jennings' inaugural, viz: Escambia Rifles, Chipley Light Infantry, Pensacola Light Artillery, Governor's Guards, Starke Rifles, Jacksonville Light Artillery and Naval Militia, Tampa Light Infantry, Gem City Guards, of Palatka, Orlando Guards, Key West Guards and the Oak City Guards, of Bartow. The Pensacola and Tampa companies will carry bands.

Save doctor's bills by giving Foley's Honey and Tar to infants and children in time to prevent pneumonia or croup, which are fatal to so many thousands of babies. Anti-Monopoly Drug Store.

Bryan and the "Rank and File."

Hon. John W. Kern spoke at the Jefferson banquet, and spoke of Bryan and the "rank and file" as follows:

"It is the rank and file, which, tired of the domination of a few men, in 1896, literally took possession of the democratic party, and made it in every sense a party of the people."

"Speaking, I believe, for the rank and file of democracy everywhere, I want to say to all men who are interesting themselves in party organization, or reorganization, that any attempt in any quarter at any time to belittle the splendid and heroic service rendered by that magnificent leader, the grand tribune of the people, W. J. Bryan, in the campaigns of 1896 and 1900, or to cast stigma or reproach upon him in any degree, however slight, will meet with quick and stern rebuke from the millions of democrats who followed his banner in those memorable contests. While the rank and file of the great democratic party has honored other leaders, it loves W. J. Bryan, and will tolerate no action which contemplates his humiliation or looks to his retirement from the field of active politics."

The Ocala county commissioners have level heads. They have planted orange trees about the poor farm, and have this year sold the crop of 1500 boxes for \$1.55 a box, putting into the county treasury no less than \$2325. And every county in South Florida might be equally prudent.—Jacksonville Journal.

Cut this out and take it to the Anti-Monopoly Drug Store and get a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, the best physic. They also cure disorders of the stomach, biliousness and headache.

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